

House Klag Newsletter

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From the Desk of Unkle Kahn

Greetings brothers and sisters!

I hope this email will find you all in good spirits and doing well, it's been a while since we all spoke. I would like to welcome you all to the new House Klag Newsletter. We don't have a snazzy name or graphics yet, but we have a lot of information to pass along to you so that you can be a well informed member of the House. So to start it off, I decided that we should do it like in the ye olde days of the 90's and send out our first newsletter like we used to do back then.

For a few years now, I have been proud to be the one who has taken on the task of running the House and its affairs. Many people have asked me "Kahn?" and I usually say "huh?" they go on to say: "Why didn't you or Qoregh change the name of the House from Klag to your own names?" This is a very good question; we kept the name of the House "Klag" in honor of our founder. For me, Klag was one of the first

members who contacted me when I joined fandom (way back in 1991). From there he not only was a superior officer to me, but quickly became a friend and mentor when it came to anything related to the Klingons. When Klag created The Empire, I was contacted by him and our former line leader Qoregh about joining the newly founded club and House. I was beyond honored.

Since the creation of House Klag, we have seen many "distant cousins" pop up under the same name. Many people have asked me if they are part of us. Sadly, I've had to tell them "no," I have attempted to contact these other House leaders, but never hear a reply back. This is a shame because, well, the more the merrier. So far we have not had any official branches of House Klag or Line Klag.

There has been some misconception about the terms "line" and "house" in fandom. The term "line" is usually in response to a Klingon's "last name," (IE: Their "lineage"). Any member who has signed up under me, past House leader Qoregh, or the Emperor himself are part of the "line" Klag. This line is based off the fan character Klag, not Klag (son of M'Raq) who was seen in the TNG episode "A Matter of Honor" and subject in the *IKS Gorkon* books.

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We do, however, like to keep one foot in canon as much as we can and consider that Klag (son of M'Raq), a distant cousin.

Normally, when we see the term "house" it is normally not used in the correct term. When a House epetal starts a House he is entitled to name it after himself, as he is actually should use his first name (House of K'Joe). Many fans that create a Klingon house do not know this, but if one was to take time and research, they would find that the way I explained above is more canon. So there you go, a new wrinkle in your forehead.

If a family member wanted to start a House of their own, they are entitled to do so and still retain the "Klag" name as they are using it as a line name. This means that if Brother K'Bob was to marry and have children, he could start House K'Bob, of Line Klag. Anyone he signs up under his house, would automatically be a member of his House, unless they decided to join their own House (or join one under the same line or marry into an outside Line).

Over the years I have proudly worn the symbol of our House on my sleeve and defended any cross words spoken about our House or any members. I have done my best to keep the members of my House and club in my best interests and fight beside Klag against anyone who dare impede the growth of our organization and for the rights of our members. I also feel that over the years, while under my reign, I have recruited some awesome members. I didn't have to beg and plead to get people to join (like many other Houses); I just had to be myself. I thank you all for being part of this little spot in fandom and would like to see our family grow and become a little more active. Let us stand together, proclaim that we are Klingons and let us drink for the day is young.

~ Kahn

HOUSE NEWS:

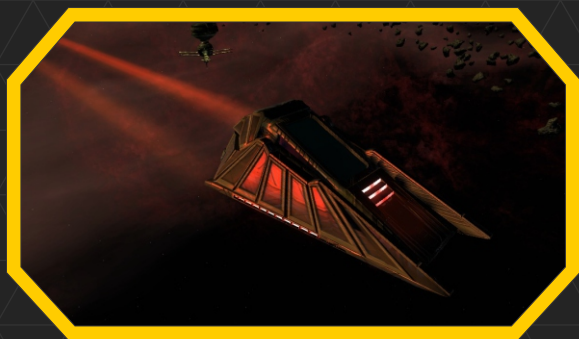
If you didn't know, House Klag has an official website. That's right! If you haven't had a chance to sign up (or didn't know) you can find it here:

www.houseklag.webs.com

The site might look like a giant recruitment tool... well, it is that. But beyond that, only members of House Klag will get to enjoy its benefits. For starters we will be using the site's built in message board to keep each other up to date on club activities, our daily lives, or just general discussions. Not to mention a photo gallery, customizable calendar, and profiles that you can "blog" on. I will be purchasing the site soon, when that happens the web address will change. The new address will not have the "webs.com" in the title. No worries in trying to remember, I will send a general announcement when that happens. Also by hosting it with the current company, we get a more expanded portfolio of goodies we can use on the site.

Remember, the message board will be private, so you can feel comfortable posting there.





Away Missions

Away Mission 1:

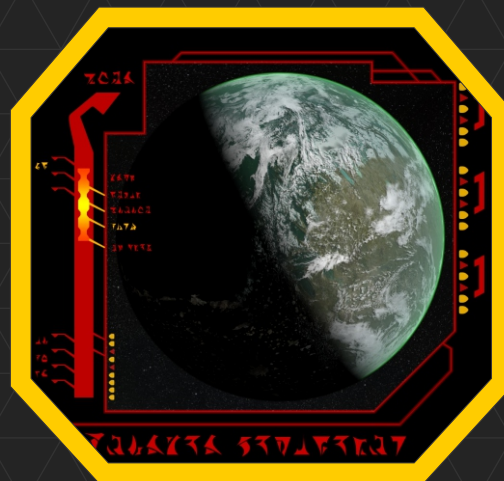
In the next few days, the House Lady and I will be attending a harvest (yob) festival at a local settlement. We will most likely be taking Lukara's sister and child along with us to experience the celebration. I am hopeful that there will be a drinking contest, if not, I'm

sure I could turn a bloodwine judging into something worthwhile. LOL ! There has been talk of a street theater troupe there performing a few reenactments of one of Kahless' many deeds. A full report will be given on our site.

Away Mission 2:

Recently, the Emperor acquired a small class M moon in the Hek Tar sector of the empire's territory. The Emperor has asked for a survey to be performed of the land and that geological samples are taken so that he can decide what we would like to do with it.

When asked how this planetoid was acquired, the Emperor chuckled about being a longtime champion of the game, "The Eyes of Kahless" and that "having a thick skull paid off in the end." The Emperor was asked what he expects to find, his response was "There are rich deposits in Baakonite in the southern hemisphere, which would be good for a settlement or two, along with a mining operation. I am hopeful that if this mineral is present, the House armory will triple in size. There is also a small vein of Dilithium that's centralized along the equator that winds a crooked path into both hemispheres. I am also expecting some wild game, but if the quantities are too low to hunt, I am willing to consider shipping more in to create a preserve. Since this moon is close to the station's position and within a short distance of the patrol of the *IKV Black Demon*, I may allow House epetal, Kahn, to stake his claim on this as I have enough properties scattered about the empire's territory to take care of. I know he has been looking for mountainous terrain to build a new hunting lodge. Perhaps it's time for him to have his own place for escape from "the drudges of the High Council." The Emperor ended that sentence with a hearty laugh as he took a swig from his mug.



In the next few days, there will be preparation for the mission by compiling the equipment and plotting landing locations. I have been in contact with the previous owner as he has now recovered from the game he and the Emperor shared.



We want to see pictures!

If you have photos of yourself in uniform terrorizing the mundanes or anything in casual Terran clothes (new photos or old) that you are proud of, we want to see them! You can upload them to our safe gallery for other members to view and comment on. Help us get to know each other!

DID YOU KNOW?

House Klag is THE oldest original House of The Empire. That's right! We were not only one of the founding Houses, but we are one to proudly boast that we are 100% Imperial Klingons. You won't find any Borgs, Telerite, or Romulan lovers here. While many houses will take in anyone to inflate their numbers, we choose to only allow people who *want* to be Klingons.

House Klag has a ton of resources for members to get the most out of their fan experience. From make-up techniques to costuming to props, we have the right info to make our House members stand out among the rest.

Did you also know that this coming Empire Day will mark the 15th year since House Klag's founding? While true the Emperor has been around much longer than this House, his founding it when he started The Empire gives us all the more reason to celebrate! Let's keep our eyes and ears open for worthy brothers and sisters to join our ranks so that we can grow stronger to surpass another 15 years!



In The Kitchen

It's that time again when our planet goes into its time of cooling, a time when trees and plants start to change color and start hibernation, a time for hunting *TKnag*. Soon the nights will be growing longer and old man *blr* will be knocking at our doors to warm himself by our fires. This is also the time when I dust off my recipes and start preparation for the coming feasts.



I would like to announce that I plan on adding recipes to our message board and hope that many of you will follow suit so that we can all share as a House. Many of you may have seen my post on The Empire's board about *Emperor Klag's Decadent Chocolate Cake*. This cake is favored by my mate, and he eagerly looks forward to this time of year so I can bake it. Yes, even though I'm the Lady of the House, I still get my hands dirty in the kitchen!

So get out your cook books and start looking for your favorite recipes you'd like to share with everyone, and I'll see you on the board!

~ Lukara

Behind the Bar

Greetings fellow drunkards, Unkle Kahn here. Don't let him know, but while he was asleep by the fireplace, I "borrowed" Great Unkle Kothar's drink book and will be sharing recipes, drinking tips, and other bits of knowledge about relaxing with a good drink in your hand. It's true that a warrior drinks bloodwine, but a wise one knows how to appreciate other culture's liquid libations and has not only knowledge in mixing them correctly, but also knows how to "hold his own."



Be looking for a thread opening soon on our message board about drinks, being a thoughtful host, and upholding the honor of one's house while under the influence. I have many easy to follow instructions for House members to follow so that they can create their own refreshing drinks. Currently, I am brewing a few liquors for the winter and will provide easy to follow recipes and tips on enjoying the fruits of your labor.

I would also like to announce that House Klag has a Mixologist *pro tempor*. Her name is a'Noi N'gurl and she holds a master Mixologist degree from the Imperial College of Advance Science. Since Great Unkle Kothar stepped back from his duties behind the bar, she has been in our services for almost a year now and has proven herself through her yearly feast to be a valuable and honored member to House Klag. I would like to raise a mug of her finest brew and welcome her to our House. KAI a'Noi N'gurl!

~ Kahn

Techie News:

Google+ (aka G+)

I wanted to let many of you know that there is a new feature the Google is offering called Google +. DO NOT USE IT.



It's a long story on why, but it boils down that Google wants members of G+ to use their real names. If they find that you are providing a false name (they figure it out somehow), they will erase your account and any gmail or Google account you use (again they have some way). Since I use my "Unkle Kahn" email for Klingon related subjects, I don't like use my real name. So I have opted to continue that and I have dropped my G+ account. Now by doing this I won't lose any of my other Google services (Gmail, groups, etc.) which is good because Lukara (lady of the House) is taking IT classes and has been utilizing Google's offerings and she reports that we can easily use a lot of these features for ourselves. There will be a discussion opened up on the House message board when we start to go deeper into all the options it has to offer.

But mainly I wanted to alert you all of the danger of losing your Google account. If you have a G+ account and want to know how to get out of it without losing your other features, contact me and I will gladly get you some instructions on doing so.

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Facebook:

House Klag has presence on Facebook (FB)!

The Emperor, Lady Lukara, Qoregh, K'Bob, and I have accounts with FB and are in a private group created for House members. We mainly try to keep the majority of our activities on our House site, but it was felt that we needed to have a presence in the current social media to keep our name out there for lineless members to find.

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Tech Support:

I have set up a tech support area on our House message board for anyone having problems uploading images to the site, posting, or any other problems you might have with the site or your home computer. Our House Lady, Lukara is currently pursuing her IT degree from the Imperial College and has made mention that she will be willing to help out House members who are having any problems.

~ Kahn epetal-Klag & Lady Lukara Klag



News from the High Council

Greetings Fellow Klag,

The High Council of The Empire has been busy discussing new proposals. I am responsible for introducing one of these new Proposals:



"Proposal to enforce term limits on the Office of Chancellor."

If passed, a Chancellor will be elected for a two-year term, with a Vote of Confidence by the High Council after the first year of that term. After the end of the term, elections will be held for a new Chancellor. The Past Chancellor may run again, but not immediately after his last term. This will hopefully product new blood and new ideas to The Empire. I am also proposing that Tier2 (Registered Houses of three or more who do not sit on the High Council) be allowed to monitor High Council activities and be permitted to join the voting for Chancellor, the Vote of Confidence, and for a Recall to remove a Chancellor. This will give The Empire more voices and better membership representation in most important matters.

Other items before the High Council:

House Tier requirement suggested modification Proposal:

This will set in place the amount of members that Houses must have for the various levels or Tiers of Houses. It also defines what qualifies a member for inclusion in that count. Basically while Houses may have Kuve (slaves) and other Aliens, they do not count toward the amount of KLINGONS necessary for minimal House members. It also states that children may be House members, but do not count toward House numbers. House members must be active members of The Empire - either online or in live role-playing (local clubs) - to count toward membership for Tier levels. This will prevent unscrupulous people from "building Houses" and using friends and relatives who are not really Klingons for minimum member requirements. House building could be used to gain majority voting in the High Council.

Dual House Proposal:

This Proposal addresses the problem of recognition of two different Houses from the same Line. For example:

The Reshtarc LINE (lineage) has multiple Houses (offshoot families) with different epetais (leaders). House Krahl is lead by Krahl Reshtarc of Line Reshtarc, while Korvette leads his House of Line Reshtarc. Sounds a bit confusing, but it is pretty much for official situations - such as if there were two different Line branches (Houses) both in High Council and a difference between the two needed notation.

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Other:

In a holding pattern is a Proposal by Drex epetai-Snoor to Recall Chancellor KrahI. This one got pretty hairy for awhile, with the Chancellor appointing a cha'DIch to do his talking. The Recall might have been successful, but some last minute maneuvering and private conversations between Chancellor KrahI and the epetai-Snoor put this proposal on the back burner.

While politics is something most fans don't want in their clubs, it does exist. In fact, it is necessary for club improvement - i.e. permitting more Houses the opportunity to vote for its leader, as in my Proposal before the High Council. House Klag sits on the High Council and has a responsibility to participate in politics. Kahn epetai-Klag speaks for our House in High Council. I act as a Second. I am also the Emperor of The Empire and, though that doesn't grant me the voting privileges that being House Second does, it allows me to speak for the entire membership. Should you have any opinions, questions, suggestions, critiques, or extra cases of Blood Wine to share - contact the epetai.

~ voDleH Klag

Closing Comments

Well, that wraps it up for the fall edition of the House Klag e-newsletter #0. We wanted to keep this issue short to inform you all of our recent actions and to let you know that we are still around and active. So, take some time to go over to our new home, take a look around and sign up. If you have signed up and are having problems, or need any assistance, let me know and I'll get you fixed up.

Here's to a successful 15 years and to many more to come.

Until then brothers and sisters, Fortune Favors the Bold.

Kahn epetai-Klag

